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1. A radio station was located on the eastern perimeter of Rostov, Rostov Oblast, bounded by the railroad line, the commercial airfield, the village of Frunze, and the road to Novocherkassk (40°6' E/47°25' N).
2. The construction of the radio station in the fields started [redacted] under the supervision of an MVD major who wore a blue-red cap. Twenty Soviet civilians were employed as locksmiths, electricians, and carpenters, and 35 PWs as construction helpers. 25X1
3. The installation consisted of:
 - a. A three-story brick building, 8x12x30 meters. The radio elements, of German and Soviet make, were being installed. The boxes in which the parts from Germany were packed had the inscription Leipzig. The lighting dynamos were of British make. A heating installation with a boiler for coal firing and the cable distribution point were in the basement. A power station with a reserve generator of British make was on the ground floor. It was to supply power to the radio station in case the Rostov power plant was out of operation.
 - b. A water tank, surrounded by an earth wall and extending about 4 meters above the ground. According to Soviets it had a capacity of 120,000 liters.
 - c. A gasoline bunker, containing barrels holding 200 liters each.
 - d. A garage under construction.
 - e. A water main, hydrant.
 - f. An underground cable leading to the three-story building, with the other terminal unknown. Four telephone cables, each 4 cm in diameter, lead from the installation to Rostov.

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g. A 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -meter wall of slag stones, topped by glass fragments, surrounded the radio station. Lights four meters apart and interconnected by an overhead electric line were installed on top of the wall, brightly illuminating it at night.

4. Radio masts were not yet erected. The radio station was guarded by MVD.

5. A five-story radio station, 25x30x60 meters, with dark plaster and a flat roof, was located on Novochebassk Street, about 1 km south of Zelmash Plant, opposite the athletic field. A glass booth, occupied by a police sentry, was at the corner of the building near the street. A retractable antenna was on top of the roof. Two radio towers, each about 70 meters high, were opposite the radio station. ** Many wires lead from the towers to the building. ***

* Comment: For location see Annex 1.

** Comment: For location and sketches of antenna and towers see Annex 2.

*** Comment: This is the first information on the Rostov radio station.

Attachments: Rostov MVD Radio Station (2 sketches on ditto)

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